

By Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Nevada, the Nevada Communication Steering Committee (NCSC) is charged with acting as an advisory committee to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security on communication technology issues. In furtherance of that charge, and in preparation for the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program cycle, the NCSC invites potential requestors of HSGP funds for communication projects to begin the planning phase of future projects.

The Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (NCoHS) will make the determination of which project requests to fund. Requesting agencies are not required to submit projects to the NCSC for review and support, but the NCSC will not support, and will oppose, projects not submitted to it. The NCSC, in its capacity as advisor to the NCoHS, will make recommendations as to which projects are deserving of support. In making such recommendations, the NCSC will evaluate potential projects based on their adherence and support of the initiatives described in the State Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), as well as the strategic vision for interoperability evidenced by the SCIP.

The NCSC values projects of a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional nature. By definition, interoperability is communication between disparate agencies, disciplines, or jurisdictions. It further values potential projects that are built upon and continue successes of previous communication projects. The NCSC is committed to the achievement of goals 1 and 2 as articulated in the National Emergency Communication Plan. Goal 1 has been achieved, but Goal 2 remains. As a long term strategy, the NCSC also values and supports data interoperability, both at the data base level as well as a transmission issue.

The NCSC will lend its greatest support to projects that enhance or fulfill the NCSC values and vision. The NCSC support for projects may later be amended based upon grant guidance issued later by the US Department of Homeland Security. Some proposed expenditures may later be ruled as permissible or non-permissible.

A description of any proposed projects and projected costs should be submitted to the NCSC not later than November 1, 2010. Submission should be directed to:

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